

(Washington, D.C.) -U.S. Representative Chet Edwards today announced details for his three regional town hall meetings in Brazos, McLennan, and Johnson counties. The first will take place in Brazos County on Wednesday August 26th, the second in McLennan County on Saturday August 29th, and the third in Johnson County on Friday September 4th.

Edwards said, "The issue of health care is vitally important to our families, businesses and nation's future. By having open, honest and respectful discussions, I hope we can further the cause of protecting the strengths of our present health care system while addressing the concerns of rising health care costs."

Congressman Edwards held a telephone town hall meeting on Thursday August 20th from 6:30-8:00pm with nearly 20,000 constituents participating in the call from all twelve District 17 counties. This week alone, Congressman Edwards is holding 19 meetings on health care with doctors, nurses, hospitals, small businesses, working families, and community leaders throughout the district. These meetings have been scheduled for weeks and dozens more will be held through Labor Day on the topic of health care.

"I am pleased with the productive nature of the 19 health care meetings with doctors, nurses, families, and community groups. Every meeting has been respectful and insightful, and it is clear that people want to learn how reform will affect them and their families.

Format

Questions for the town hall will be selected at random by an independent third party in a lottery system. District 17 Constituents who want to ask questions will fill out cards as they come in, and they will be called on randomly to ask their question. No printed signs, electronic or recording devices will be permitted.

Wednesday August 26, 2009

WHAT: Edwards Health Care Town Hall Meeting in Brazos County

WHERE: Bryan- Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Dr.

WHEN: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Doors will open at 5:00PM for the Public. Capacity is 1,200.

Saturday August 29, 2009

WHAT: Health Care Town Hall Meeting in McLennan County

WHERE: Waco - Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave., McLennan Hall

WHEN: 10:00am - Noon

Doors will open at 9:00AM for the Public. Capacity is 1,200.

Friday September 4, 2009

WHAT: Edwards Health Care Town Hall Meeting in Johnson County

WHERE: Cleburne High School Auditorium, 1501 Harlin Dr.

WHEN: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Doors will open at 5:00PM for the Public. Capacity is 1,800.

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